

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Atty. Docket No. NAKA0101PUSA
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

OPENING AND CLOSING VALVE,

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto; or
☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) Feb. 28, 2005 as U.S. Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/525,994, and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ (if applicable). (I hereby authorize my attorney to insert the application filing date and number when they become known.)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Priority Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? (Yes/No)
2002-256208	JP	August 30, 2002		No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(c) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned
PCT/JP2003/011158	September 1, 2003	Pending

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